

September 27, 2010

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Waters; Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; Larry Williams; Judy Whitten; Nancy Sexton; Beth Custer; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Supt. Gray reported receiving a letter from IDEM today stating they have accepted the temporary sludge dewatering system and construction may begin immediately. He then stated the permanent structure will be completed in the spring. He concluded by stating they will begin their "meter pull" next week, as part of Johnson Control's contract, in an effort to test the water meters randomly.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Bookkeeper Bennett.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated listed on the Agenda under Audience is Beth Custer for a request for a water tap. Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Ms. Custer approached and stated she lives on Sauerkraut Lane and she would like to request city water hook up. She added the water line is across the road from her house.

Supt. Gray stated there is ample pressure in the area and the water department can bore under the road to make the tie in with only minor difficulty.

Board member Askren moved permission for the tap be given, pending completion of the proper paperwork. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Waters; Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; Larry Williams; Judy Whitten; Nancy Sexton; and Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report, but there is a whole lot getting done. Mainly routine business, but no report.

Comm. Maynard stated he agrees with Chairman Fuelling, and added he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

Chief Beloat reported the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be for Council District #1, at the Hovey House on September 30 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Chief Waters stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the 2nd reading of the proposed Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for the Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Mount Vernon, IN for the Year Ending 12/31/11.

Councilman Fuelling moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is the Ordinance to Adopt Rules and Regulations Concerning the Use of Skateboards and Related Equipment Within the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana. He reminded Council this ordinance was given to them last week for review and at this time they can act on first reading, or table until the next meeting when Attorney Higgins is present.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?
Councilwoman Higgins stated she would like the Council to consider angle parking on W. Water Street at Sherburne Park, on the south side.
Councilman Curtis added they have discussed this amongst themselves for awhile and they have measured the street.
Council agreed to have Attorney Higgins proceed with an ordinance for next meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated the will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has talked with Chief Beloit about looking at the intersection of E 2nd and Edson for the possibility of installing a four way stop. She added she feels it is a safety issue, especially with school back in session and she would appreciate if Comm. Maynard would look at it as well. She stated she did see a bus pulling away before children were safely across the street and witnessed some cars rolling through the stop sign.
Councilwoman Hoehn suggested the school be contacted as well about the driver of that bus.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated all is quiet in the neighborhood.

3rd District Councilwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated Grant Street is smooth but other than that he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated on September 17th the city was notified they were award a \$6.5M grant for Phase 2 of the Sewer Project. He again stated this work has to be done, as it is being mandated by the State. He added this is a tremendous boost for the city and shows great teamwork. He then stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman Hoehn.
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer